

SENATE BILL 708

By Tate

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,
Chapter 1, relative local administration.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 1, Part 6, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated section:

§ 49-1-6__.

(a) Notwithstanding the provisions of § 49-1-602 or any other law to the contrary, where ten percent (10%) or more of the schools within a special school district have been identified by the department as high priority schools, in accordance with federal benchmarks of no child left behind, all members of the local school board shall be removed within sixty (60) days of the publication of the department's annual comprehensive report card on pre-k through twelve (12) education.

(b) Pursuant to subsection (a), the governor shall by order:

(1) Declare the removal of all members of the board on a date to be prescribed in the order. Such school board shall cease to exist in accordance with the order; and

(2) Appoint individuals to fill the vacancies on the board.

(c) The appointed members shall assume all duties, powers and responsibilities provided to local school board members.

(e) If any provision of this section or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect the other provisions or applications of the section which may be given effect without the invalid

provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this section are severable.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming law, the public welfare requiring it.